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Griffmen's Star Backstop Is Ready to Take Turn in Game.

John Henry Ready to Resume His Place Behind Bat for Nationals

INJURED DIGIT IS NOT YET NORMAL

Griffith Laughs at Federal League's Pretensions to Be a Major League.

PROBABLE LINE-UP.

NAPLANDERS.	GRIFFMEN.
Leibold, cf.	Moeller, rf.
Turner, 3b.	Foster, 3b.
Johnston, 1b.	Milan, cf.
Jackson, rf.	Gandil, 1b.
Lajoie, 2b.	Shanks, lf.
Wood, lf.	Morgan, ab.
Olson, ss.	McBride, ss.
Carisch, c.	Williams, c.
Mitchell, p.	Henry, c.
James, p.	Ayers, p.
	Bentley, p.

Game at 3:30 p. m.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

John Henry is again ready to resume his place behind the bat for the Nationals.

While the injured digit of the heavy receiver is not yet normal, it has so far recovered that he is able to work and there is a probability that he will work this afternoon.

When the club assembled this morning and Griffith told the men that Dr. Ayers would probably pitch this afternoon, the big twirler reminded the manager that Monday is his ill-starred day. While in the Virginia League it was almost impossible for Ayers to win, and since coming up he has had his most harrowing experiences, on the first day of the week.

Griffith thinks it might be possible to smash this hoodoo, and plans to use Ayers and Williams, out should a late shift be made it will be Johnny Bentley and Henry. Bentley suffered from a sore arm all last week, but he now seems fit, and may be accommodated by being allowed to start against Cleveland.

"I said weeks ago the Federal League was living on a bluff as far as major league baseball was concerned, and now I think there are a lot of people here who will agree with me," smiled Griffith today as he discussed that game here yesterday.

"They tell me that some of the players on the Washington amateurs had not had a bat in their hands since last fall. Still one run was all that the leaders in the Federal had on them at the finish. So far as the class of baseball is concerned, the Federal is a joke, and the public in the cities represented on that circuit will soon be finding it out. Of course, they have enough clubs to make up a league, but they are not talking about big league baseball—good night!"

Judging by the age and general conduct of some of those Baltimore players, the Feds might have the name of their outfit to the "Silver Threads Among the Gold League."

About 2,000 baseball followers are today discussing the game they saw in east Washington yesterday, and, if a poll were taken, it would probably be found an almost unanimous opinion that some one is being kidded into believing that the Federal League is a major circuit.

To say that the Baltimore outlaws placed their best team on the field would be untrue. While a club is naturally anxious to make as good a showing as possible, it is impossible to get the proper amount of enthusiasm among professionals in contests that do not enter into the season's championship rating.

Still, making due allowance for these traditional features, that team that beat the R. F. Anderson club by 7 to 4 does not approach in any respect even the Chicago White Sox, the team that is generally considered the weakest seen in National Park.

Otto Knabe, former member of the Philadelphia Nationals and now manager of the Baltimore Feds, is said to be a member of the major class, but there was not another man on the field who has shown that he could hang on in either the American or National League. It is not meant that there are not a couple of pretty good looking players among the men who paid the Sunday visit to Washington, still as a sure enough major league club—never. It cannot be said that the Baltimore Feds are not representative of Baltimore in league for they are now well out in front in the race, still if they were to go to be counted in a league with either Detroit or New York, the end would probably never come.

The Feds have raised havoc with organized baseball, this must be admitted by those who are most loyal to the National Commission. They have deprived the real leagues of quite a few valuable players and have virtually wrecked more than one of the upper minor league combinations. Thousands of dollars in real money have been invested in the venture, but when it comes to the quality of baseball they are furnishing, there would be a rude awakening of the uninitiated and unkind should the best of their players ever hook up with a good minor league club, leaving aside all consideration of the weeping and gnashing of teeth should they

Big League Biffers of a Day.

	AB.	H.	TB.	Pct.
Hummel, Robins.	1	1	1	1.000
Goode, Cubs.	5	4	7	.800
Clark, Reds.	3	2	4	.667
Groh, Reds.	3	2	2	.667
Marsans, Reds.	3	2	2	.667
Snyder, Cards.	4	2	4	.500
Wilson, Cards.	4	2	3	.500
Cather, Cards.	4	2	3	.500
Burns, Giants.	4	2	2	.500
Hoblitzell, Reds.	4	2	2	.500



Here Is Johnny Bassler, the Nineteen-year-old Backstop of the Cleveland Naplanders. He is considered One of the Most Promising Young Players in the American League and May Be a Rival of Steve O'Neill's in Another Season. Joe Birmingham Is Training Him to Succeed Fred Carisch When the Veteran Quits.

attempt to meet in a series one of the contenders in either the American or National.

Those places that are trying to make a noise like major league cities simply through their representation on the Federal circuit are being badly fooled if the Baltimore Feds are the class of the league.

The Naps are here today, tomorrow and Wednesday. Then come the St. Louis Browns.

Otto Knabe is quoted as saying that the Feds will be a success. Considering what he himself has at stake he would, indeed, be a most unkind individual if he could not stand for such a statement at this time.

Yesterday's game on the east side demonstrated at least that Sunday baseball here should be a profitable proposition. The show that Sam Edmonston and firm staged drew a crowd that filled every seat in the rebuilt park and standing room was at a premium.

"Umpire, Mr. Rippy Williams" of the Philadelphia Nationals at the Brooklyn-Palais Royal game yesterday.

Had the Andrews team showed any offensive strength in the outfield, the Baltimore Feds would have had to be contented with the short end of the score.

Unless the arm of the law wipes Andrews' Park off the map next Sunday, Joe Tinker's Chicago Feds will be on exhibition here.

Joe Boehling, while still limping, will probably be ready to pitch tomorrow, meaning that it will be Tom Shaw's turn on Wednesday.

Michigan residents of the District are planning a real reception for Hughey, Ty, Sam and Co., when they appear here next week. Those desiring seats in the Detroit reservation at the park next Monday may communicate with N. J. Simpson, 464, House Office Building.

That pastmaster of law and order at National Park—Capt. Robert E. Doyle—is back at his old stand. In the recent shifts in the police force to the quality of baseball they are furnishing, there would be a rude awakening of the uninitiated and unkind should the best of their players ever hook up with a good minor league club, leaving aside all consideration of the weeping and gnashing of teeth should they

In the opening week of the inter-league strife in the American League the Eastern clubs have more than held their own against the Western invaders. While Detroit is still well out in front the advantage has been cut. When the Tigers left their fair the lead of three and one-half games, today half a game has been snipped off, leaving the Athletics three games ahead of the team that has thus far been the sensation of the Johnsonian trail.

While Philadelphia was making this slight advance, the Nationals were not only hanging on, under the most adverse situation in regard to speed, but were leading forward, taking third place through three victories over the Chicago White Sox and one over the Naps.

The week previous the Griffmen were being played and pounded for their failure to get the drop on the Mackmen, but last week was the biggest since the season started, from a Griffithian view.

As matters now stand it looks like a mighty combat between Detroit and Philadelphia during the coming couple of weeks for the top place. As yet the Athletics were late starting, and as yet their pitchers have to find a speed that will win respect, still that cannonading crew has kept pounding in runs in such an alarming way that the club is right on the heels of the Tigers hoping to get out in the lead before the long trip away from Shibe Park, opening on May 25.

In getting away poorly the Philadelphia have had nothing on the Na-

FRANK SMITH JUMPS BACK TO MONTREAL

Former White Sox Star Says Federal League Is Certain to Blow Up Soon.

MONTREAL, Canada, May 18.—Frank Smith and Frank Allen, the two pitchers, who jumped the Montreal club to join the Baltimore Federal League, have thought better of it, and have flopped back again. Both have arrived here, and have applied to President Lichtenheim for reinstatement. Smith will be taken into the good graces of the International League, and Lichtenheim says he will fight to retain him. Smith had not signed a Montreal contract when he joined the Baltimore Terrapins, though he accepted \$200 advance money. Allen's case has yet to be settled.

"There is nothing in this Federal League but a joy ride," said Smith today. "And it's bound to blow up before the season is done. The clubs have no discipline, and when the public is aware of conditions, all support will drop from the league. Baltimore is standing by the Feds and so are Chicago and Indianapolis. In the other cities, though, the crowds are small, not nearly big enough to support the big salaries some of the players are getting."

TIP TOPS SHOULD BE CALLED SKY PILOTS

Brookfeds Have Special Cops Who Bounce Objectionable Bugs From Enclosure.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Bob Ward did not like enough when he inflicted the title "Tip Tops" on his Brooklyn Federal League club.

By a little further ascendency of his imagination he might have discovered a more fitting title and branded them the "Sky Pilots." That would be more appropriate because Ward is evidently trying to place professional baseball on a higher plane.

The Tip Top brand may be a capital advertisement for bread, but it is not high-sounding enough to fit Ward's idea of baseball as it should be.

For instance, a sign occupying most of the right and center field at the Brooklyn park bears the following inscription in letters large enough to be read a mile: "Baseball players are all human, and therefore, love applause. If you want a winning team, root for them, speak well of them to your friends, and while we are here, let us all be clean of speech, so that the ladies may find it pleasant to come often."

These expressions are an admirable sentiment, but Ward's scheme of forcing his sentiments upon the fans as if it were a sign of the times is very unpopular.

The Brooklyn club has engaged a uniformed army of uniformed men to patrol the stands and who eject fans from the park at the least indication of boisterous conduct.

These special police, or "Dougherty's Guards," as they are known, wear very heavy livery with finely padded shoulders, and in consequence are made the object of many harmless jests by the fans.

The poor jester who is spotted, however, for the whole army of amateur cops will swoop down on the unfortunate miscreant and forcibly eject him from the park.

A glaring illustration during Thursday's game of the uniformed men, who patrol the stands and who eject fans from the park at the least indication of boisterous conduct, was seen in the case of a fan who was ejected for standing up while viewing the game from an elevated position.

Practically the whole crowd of fans gathered about the protesting spectator, and for a few moments a riot seemed certain.

It may be all right to have uniformed men and vendors at ball games, but Ward's scheme of uniformed private detectives, who try to lay down the law to patrons, seems destined to cause serious trouble eventually.

Phillies Defeat Cubs In Last Dying Gasp

CHICAGO, May 18.—In the last dying gasp of the first half of the thirteenth the Phillies defeated the Cubs when Clyde Williams misjudged Lobert's long fly, allowing Ludorus to score, and a moment later Lobert talked on Starwood Mackee's savage warning. The Cubs were unable to do anything in their half and the battle ended with the Phillies ahead, 4 to 2. In the seventh each team showed a run across the pan, adding to the thrills of the fans. Erskine Mayor pitched good ball for the Phillies, having a decided edge on Cheney and Humphries. The score: Phillies..... 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-8 2 Cubs..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-12 R. H. E. Batteries—Phillies, Mayor and Dooin; Cubs, Cheney, Humphries and Bresnahan, Archer.

Aitchison's Poor Work Gives Cardinals Victory

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—Through the wretched twining of "Lefty" Aitchison, the Cardinals defeated the Robins here yesterday, 5 to 2. The Brooklyn southpaw was wild and when he recovered control he was hit hard. The score: Robins..... 100 000 001 2-6 R. H. E. Cards..... 010 000 002 5-9 1 Batteries—Robins, Aitchison, Warner, Schmutz and Miller; Cards, Robinson and Snyder.

Cardinals, 8 to 7.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 18.—The Cardinal A. C. defeated the strong Linworth A. C. of Washington, here yesterday, 8 to 7. It was a nip-and-tuck contest, witnessed by a large crowd of fans. Lynn's clouting and the all-around performance of "Dug" Merchant featured the winners' play.

St. Paul Gets Hopper.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 18.—Pitcher Hopper, who starred in the Eastern here last year, has been purchased by the American Association team, Outfielder Bailey has been released and placed by Haddock, bought from Buffalo in the International League.

ILLUSTRATING SOMETHING OF DICK HOBLITZELL



DIAMOND ECHOES

Well, what do you think of the Feds?

Today the Griffmen are just four and a half games behind the Tigers.

Jennings' Junglers are not so far ahead that they can't be brought back to the rack.

The Naplanders are here for three days this week and then come the Ricksys to close the week.

Pittsburgh is leading the Giants by a mere game and a half and the champions may pass the Buccaneers before the week is out.

Otto Knabe failed to play Mike Dooin at short yesterday against the Paternmen, though many fans went out to see the former Phil.

"Red" Ames had his revenge yesterday, humbling his old team mates, 5 to 1. Ames has been springing great ball for the Reds this spring.

Honus Wagner must hurry back into uniform before it is too late. Leslie and the Braves' outfielder, spiked the veteran Pirate a week ago.

Wilbur Goode, the veteran outfielder, had another great day with the bat yesterday. He whaled out a single and three doubles in five times up.

Kid Elberfeld is acting as official pinch hitter for Wilbert Robinson's Robins with considerable success. The former National is above the 300 mark.

Though a good hitter, Clyde Williams, the Cubs' outfielder, is weak in the bunt and yesterday his misjudging of a fly ball cost the Cubs a game.

Before the Naps get out of town they will uncover a couple of real hurlers in Willie Mitchell and "Rip" Hagerman. Mitchell is a classy southpaw, while Hagerman is orthodox. Yes, and don't forget Yean Gregg.

Weak utility players may cost several teams chances to win this season. This applies to the Giants and Pirates in the National League and the Philadelphia, Washington and Detroit in this league. Good substitutes are scarce.

Though a veteran who seldom misses a bat, George McBride, the Griffmen's Valiant captain, seems to be playing as well as ever and the end of his career is not yet in sight. McBride cleared with the best shortstops in the history of the national game.

Hitting Features.

Heavy hitting featured the game which the Muslund club won from the Arzuw club by 19 to 8.

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Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Detroit.....	19	8	.704	714-579
Philadelphia.....	18	8	.692	650-591
Washington.....	13	11	.545	560-539
New York.....	11	11	.500	522-578
St. Louis.....	12	12	.500	560-569
Birmingham.....	10	12	.455	478-525
Chicago.....	11	17	.393	414-579
Cleveland.....	8	17	.320	346-508

Today's Games. Cleveland at Washington. Chicago at Philadelphia. St. Louis at New York. Detroit at Boston.

Tomorrow's Games. Cleveland at Washington. Chicago at Philadelphia. St. Louis at New York. Detroit at Boston.

Yesterday's Results. None scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Pittsburgh.....	15	7	.682	496-522
New York.....	12	7	.632	450-560
Philadelphia.....	11	11	.500	522-523
Brooklyn.....	11	9	.559	571-524
Philadelphia.....	11	9	.559	571-524
Chicago.....	12	14	.464	482-548
St. Louis.....	10	19	.345	407-573
Boston.....	3	16	.158	209-530

Today's Games. New York at Cincinnati. Philadelphia at Chicago. Brooklyn at St. Louis. Boston at Pittsburgh.

Tomorrow's Games. Boston at Pittsburgh. New York at Cincinnati. Philadelphia at Chicago. Brooklyn at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results. Philadelphia, 4; Chicago, 2. St. Louis, 5; Brooklyn, 2. Cincinnati, 5; New York, 1.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Baltimore.....	14	5	.700	714-567
St. Louis.....	14	11	.560	577-522
Indianapolis.....	12	10	.545	522-523
Chicago.....	12	12	.500	538-530
Brooklyn.....	9	9	.500	526-529
Buffalo.....	9	12	.429	456-574
Kansas City.....	11	15	.424	444-507
Pittsburgh.....	8	15	.345	375-533

Today's Games. Pittsburgh at Chicago. Kansas City at Baltimore. Indianapolis at Brooklyn. St. Louis at Buffalo. Chicago, 5; Pittsburgh, 2.

Yesterday's Results. Chicago, 5; Pittsburgh, 2.

Reds Defeat Champions Before Big Throng, 5 to 1

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 18.—"Red" Ames, former Giant, took sweet revenge upon Muggsy McGraw and his champion Giants here yesterday when he defeated them, 5 to 1. Ames was not delighted at being shifted from New York to this city, but he has been picking fine ball ever since coming.

His work yesterday was too much for the Giants, who were outbatted and outfielded by the Heroes' trio. Arthur Fromme, former Red, was slammed off the slab by the home team. The score: Reds..... 5 0 0 0 0-1 5 4

Giants..... 100 000 000-1 0 4 Batteries—Giants, Fromme, Witte and Meyers; Reds, Ames and Clark.

Sigma Chi Wins.

The baseball team representing the Sigma Chi fraternity yesterday defeated Sigma Alpha Epsilon by a score of 12 to 7 in the Interfraternity Baseball League of George Washington University.

If defeated in the suit against the Boston club, there is a possibility that suit may be brought against the Jersey City club, of the International League, in view of Justice Donnelly's ruling that Hegeman's contract with that club nullified his previous Boston contract. The appeal may be filed any time within sixty days, but will probably be filed this week or next.

Hegeman Will Appeal Case to Higher Court

NEW YORK, May 18.—David L. Fuitts, president of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, announced yesterday that an appeal will be taken from the decision of Supreme Court Justice Donnelly in the case of Kurt M. Hegeman, the former Boston Red Sox pitcher. Justice Donnelly decided that Hegeman had no claim against the Boston Americans for back pay and damages for his suit. Fuitts believes that this matter is extremely important as a test case and, after consultation with other officers of the fraternity on Saturday, has decided to fight the case to a finish.

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Joe Turner in Shape For Wednesday's Bout

Returning to Washington from a trip through New York and New England, where he engaged in just enough matches to reach perfect condition, Joe Turner, Washington's champion middleweight mat artist, is in the Capital today, putting the finishing touches upon his preparations to meet Gene Westergard, the Danish champion, at the Gayety Theater Wednesday night. Turner never looked better, and says he ought to win from his opponent without going the limit.

Westergard has been training faithfully for this match, and says that he will vanquish the Washingtonian, as he has done in the past. They will wrestle to a finish, best two in three.

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